

Listing and Amendments of Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A video message system, comprising:
 - a video display, having a fixed position, for playing back a video portion of a video message from a user;
 - a frame for framing said video display; and
 - at least one video camera disposed on said frame, and oriented in a same direction as said video display, for capturing video data of the user for inclusion in the video portion of the video message;
wherein said video display is further for displaying information corresponding to at least one of the recording and the playing back of the video message.
2. (previously presented) The video message system of claim 1, further comprising:
 - a microphone for capturing audio data from the user for inclusion in an audio portion of the video message; and
 - at least one speaker for playing back the audio portion of the video message.
3. (previously presented) The video message system of claim 2, further comprising a synchronization device for providing synchronization data for synchronizing the playback of the audio portion with the playback of the video portion.
4. (cancelled)
5. (previously presented) The video message system of claim 1, further comprising a memory device, disposed with said frame, for storing the video message.
6. (previously presented) The video message system of claim 5, wherein said memory device is capable of being dynamically updated.

7. (previously presented) The video message system of claim 1, wherein said frame is a picture-type frame.
8. (previously presented) The video message system of claim 7, wherein said frame comprises a plurality of bezels, at least one of said bezels for having said video display disposed thereon.
9. (previously presented) The video message system of claim 1, further comprising:
 - a microphone for capturing audio data from the user for inclusion in an audio portion of the video message; and
 - at least one speaker for playing back the audio portion of the video message,
 - wherein said frame comprises a plurality of bezels, at least one of said bezels for having said video display and said microphone disposed thereon.
10. (previously presented) The video message system of claim 1, further comprising an encryption/decryption device for encrypting and decrypting the video message.
11. (previously presented) The video message system of claim 1, further comprising:
 - a user input device for receiving a pre-designated message retrieval code from a user; and
 - a password manager for blocking access to the message until the pre-designated message retrieval code provided by the user is verified.
12. (currently amended) The video message system of claim [11] 1, further comprising an encryption/decryption device for encrypting and decrypting the video message.
13. (currently amended) The video message system of claim [11] 1, further comprising a delay module for receiving a delay input that delays a notification of the video message until a specified time.
14. (currently amended) The video message system of claim 13; A video message system,

comprising:

a video display, having a fixed position, for playing back a video portion of a video message from a user;
a frame for framing said video display;
at least one video camera disposed on said frame, and oriented in a same direction as said video display, for capturing video data of the user for inclusion in the video portion of the video message;
a user input device for receiving a pre-designated message retrieval code from a user;
a password manager for blocking access to the message until the pre-designated message retrieval code provided by the user is verified; and
a delay module for receiving a delay input that delays a notification of the video message until a specified time that wherein the specified time corresponds to a known time period when children are remote from the video message system.

15. (previously presented) The video message system of claim 1, wherein said at least one camera comprises at least two cameras for capturing stereoscopic video data of the user.

16. (original) The video message system of claim 1, further comprising a processor for graphically generating a visual kaleidoscope for display on said display device.

17. (previously presented) The video message system of claim 1, further comprising:
a memory device for storing a plurality of visual fortune cookies; and
a processor for randomly selecting a visual fortune cookie from among the plurality of visual fortune cookies for display on said display device.

18. (original) The video message system of claim 1, further comprising a daily scheduler.

19. (original) The video message system of claim 1, further comprising a visual casino slot machine that is displayed on said display device.

20. (previously presented) The video message system of claim 1, further comprising a remote control device for controlling functions of the video message system.
21. (original) The video message system of claim 1, further comprising a telephone feature for placing and receiving telephone calls.
22. (previously presented) The video message system of claim 1, further comprising a message indicator for indicating an existence of unplayed video messages.
23. (currently amended) The video message system of claim 22, A video message system, comprising:
a video display, having a fixed position, for playing back a video portion of a video message from a user;
a frame for framing said video display;
at least one video camera disposed on said frame, and oriented in a same direction as said video display, for capturing video data of the user for inclusion in the video portion of the video message; and
a message indicator for indicating an existence of unplayed video messages, and wherein said message indicator is further for indicating an existence of saved video messages that have been already played back at least once.
24. (previously presented) The video message system of claim 1, further comprising an external bus for at least one of connecting to an external device to retrieve the video message there from or to receive remote instructions for retrieving the video message.
25. (original) The video message system of claim 1, further comprising a delay module for receiving a delay input that delays a notification of the video message until a specified time.
26. (previously presented) The video message system of claim 25, further comprising an external connector for receiving the delay input from a remote location with respect to a location

of the video message system.

27. (previously presented) The video message system of claim 1, further comprising a timer for time-stamping messages as they are recorded.

28. (previously presented) The video message system of claim 1, further comprising a timer for specifying a time amount remaining for recording the video message.

29. (previously presented) The video message system of claim 1, further comprising a timer for specifying a time amount remaining of a current playback of the video message.